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Adding Quality of Service



Objectives

- At the end of this session you should have a good understanding of:
 - Security
 - Reliability
 - Transactions
 - Service Level Agreementsin a Service Oriented Architecture

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- WS Security, SecureConversation, Trust
- WS Reliable Messaging
- WS Atomic Transactions

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Security



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Securing an SOA

- What challenges does securing an SOA have?
- How do you secure XML?
- How do you manage security across an SOA?

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SOA security challenges

- A single security model may not be in place across all parties:
 - No single-sign on
 - No federated identity scheme
- There may be regulatory issues with sharing data across organizations
- The overhead of security may be much higher in a distributed environment than in a stovepipe:
 - Encryption, Signature checking, XML validation, Authentication all have overhead

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Security issues and approaches

- Privacy
 - XML encryption
- Integrity
 - XML Signature
- Authentication
 - User/Pass, Certificates, Tokens
- XML Denial of Service
 - XML Firewalls
- Validity
 - Schema validators

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Web Services Security

- WSS 1.1, an OASIS standard
 - Provides the key *message* security
 - Encryption
 - confidentiality
 - Digital Signature
 - integrity
 - Authentication
 - identity

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WSS example

```
<wsse:Security env:mustUnderstand="1">
  <wsse:UsernameToken wsu:Id="UsernameToken-12273995">
    <wsse:Username>paul</wsse:Username>
    <wsse:Password Type="PasswordDigest">
      ML3T45abnJHUDskjja+134=
    </wsse:Password>
    <wsse:Nonce>Z+GDe5PSj6V64fRPZc0PrA==</wsse:Nonce>
    <wsu:Created>2006-05-22T15:48:41.437Z</wsu:Created>
  </wsse:UsernameToken>
</wsse:Security>
```



Performance

- WS-Security has a performance overhead:
 - XML Canonicalization (not full)
 - Public key encryption vs private key
- The security is done per message
 - No session

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WS-SecureConversation

- Sets up a security session between two parties
 - Uses Public Key to agree a private key
 - Once established the session uses private key
 - Very similar model to SSL
 - Under standardisation

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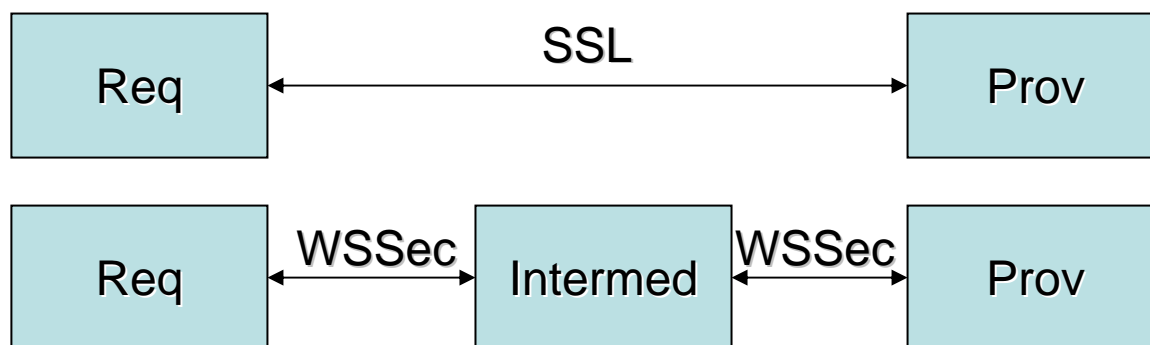
Security tokens

- Profiles
 - Binary (any)
 - Username/Password
 - SAML (Security Assertion Markup)
 - X.509 certificate
 - Kerberos Token
 - Rights Expression Language Token

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Plain Ole SSL

- Many systems use SOAP over SSL/TLS
- High performance
- Works fine for single-hop
- Tried, trusted, understood



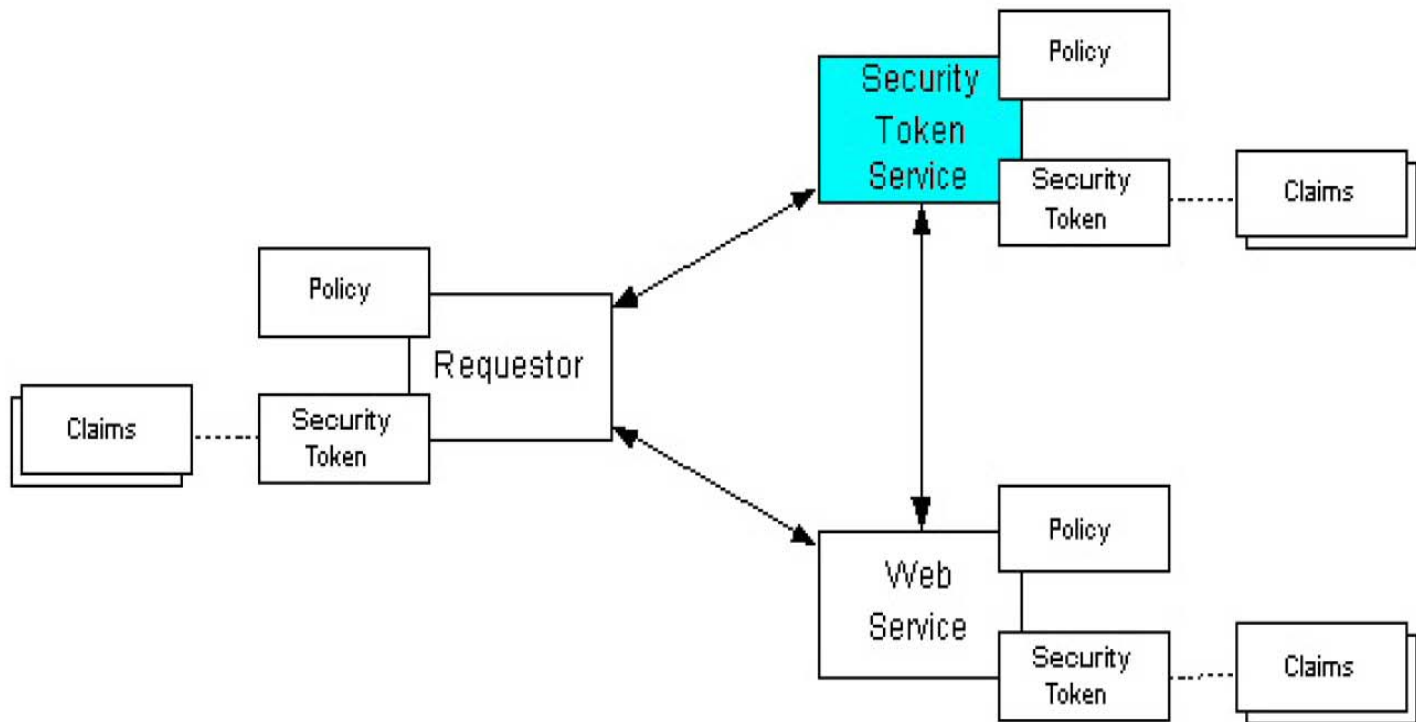


Advanced security

- How do you get a token?
- Typically in an enterprise there is an token infrastructure such as kerberos
- *WS-Trust* provides a model for getting and passing tokens using Web Services
- Being standardized by OASIS
- Important for Federated Security and complex networks

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WS-Trust model





Further security issues

- Services need to be designed with security in mind
 - The architecture and approach are powerful
 - Correspondingly need care
- Composing security and other aspects can be difficult
 - For example:
 - Who is allowed to ack received messages?
 - Who is allowed to commit a transaction
 - Does the same security session remain in place for the duration of a sequence?

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Reliable delivery



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Reliability

- Request Response gives some reliability
 - You know when it worked
 - But when it fails, was it the request or the response that was lost
- One approach is “idempotence”
 - [“Same effect if done n times, $n > 0$ ”]
 - Keep repeating until I get a response
 - Each message must be replayable
 - Often requires a change to business logic
 - Not good for asynchrony because you cannot “fire and forget”
- Another approach is SOAP/JMS
 - Can be complex

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WS ReliableMessaging Aims

- To help ensure that messages are delivered to their destination
 - Exactly Once In Order is the most common requirement
- “Composable” with other specifications and existing systems

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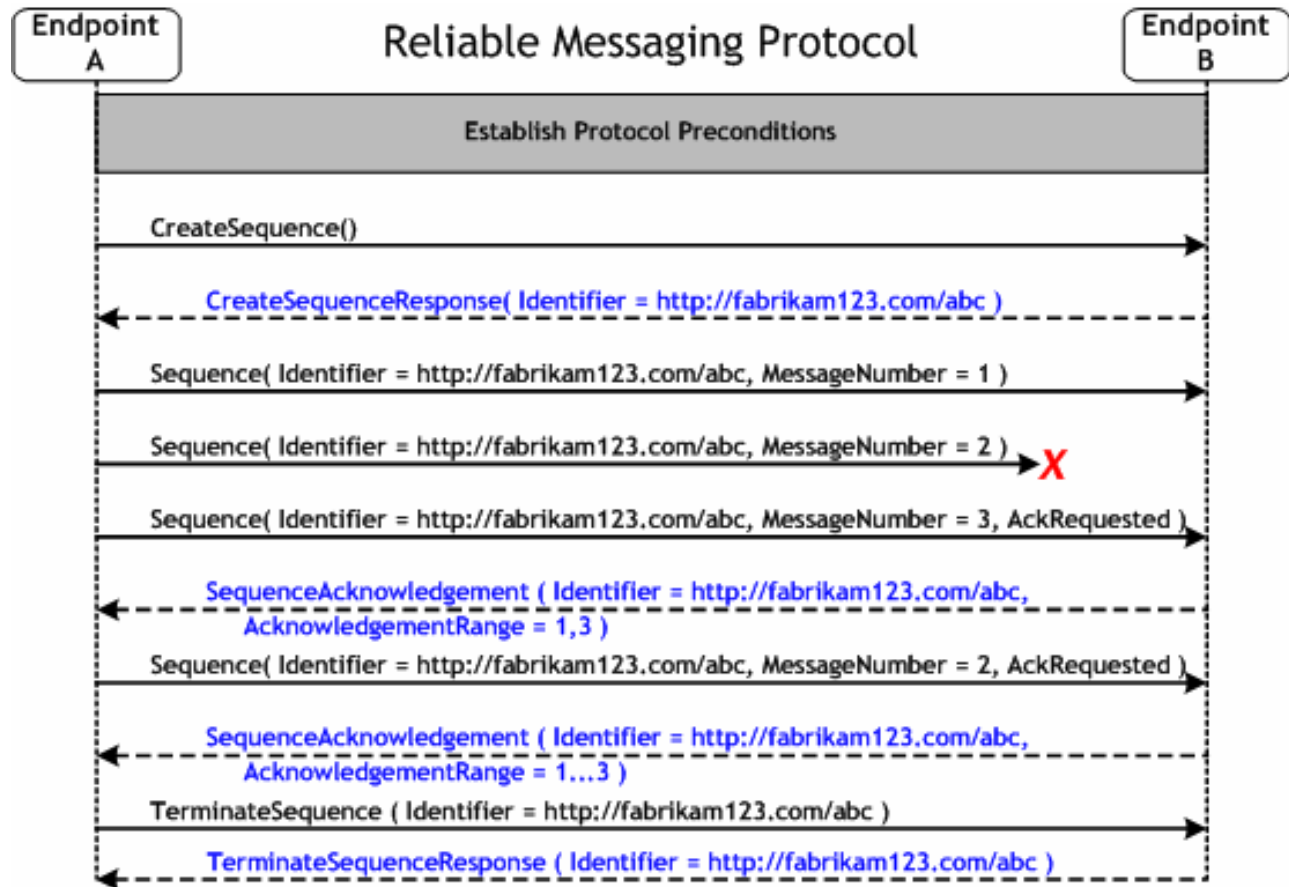


The core model

- CreateSequence and CreateSequenceResponse
- Messages allocated to the sequence
- Acknowledgement
- Resend of unacknowledged messages
- TerminateSequence and TerminateSequenceResponse

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Simple example





Issues with WSRM

- WSRM is just a wire protocol
- You need to ensure that your implementation offers persistence
- Overhead for short sequences
 - CS/CSR, TS/TSR

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Transactions



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WS Transactions

Atomic Transactions

Business Activity

Co-ordination

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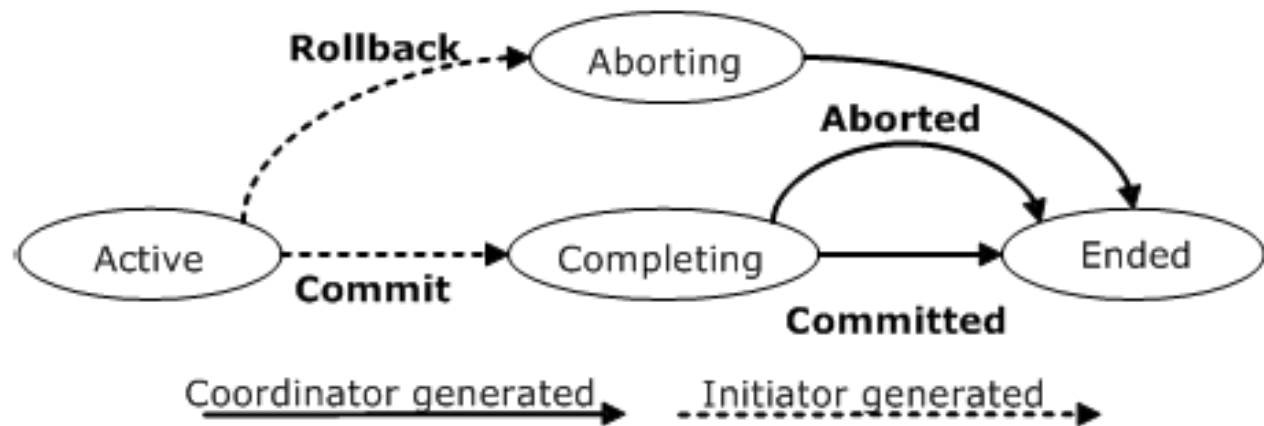


WS Transactions

- WS Co-ordination
 - Manages the overall interaction between parties
 - A voting protocol
- WS Atomic Transactions
 - Short-lived, ACID
- WS Business Activity
 - Longer running business transactions

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WS Atomic Transactions



How well does this fit into an SOA?



Atomic Transactions

- Each row (or other resource) is locked until the transaction completes
 - Some databases lock a record which may contain more than one row
- The lock depends on the other parties involved
- Do you really want someone outside your organization holding locks on your database?
- Typically 2PC is used in very controlled circumstances:
 - E.g. between a queue and a database

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Business Activity

- Based on a compensation model
- All activities proceed as normal
 - Within the scope of a long-running transaction
- If a fault is detected that requires the transaction to fail
 - Each party *compensates* for the work done

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Issues with Business Activity

- Firstly, this is still early days for this spec and approach
- Secondly, each service has to offer the compensating operations
 - Requires planning
 - Needs to be built into the business analysis and design

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Summary

- The ability to support:

- Reliability
- Security
- Transactions

Is key to an Enterprise quality SOA infrastructure

- But understanding the issues is also vital

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Resources

- OASIS

- WS-RX

- http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=ws-rx

- WS-TX

- http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=ws-tx

- WS-SX

- http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=ws-sx